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Letter dated 31 October 2007 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have decided to send a mission to Timor-Leste from 24 to 30 November 2007. They have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission (see annex).

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission is as follows:

Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo (South Africa — Head of Mission)
Ambassador Liu Zhenmin (China)
Mr. Luc Joseph Okio (Congo)
Mr. Muhammad Anshor (Indonesia)
Ms. Diana Eloeva (Russian Federation)
Ambassador Peter Burian (Slovakia)
Ambassador Jackie Wolcott Sanders (United States)

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Leslie K. **Christian**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Security Council mission to Timor-Leste: terms of reference

1. To reaffirm the Security Council's commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Timor-Leste and the promotion of long-term stability in the country.

2. To commend the people of Timor-Leste for their successful elections and efforts aimed at consolidating peace and democracy in their country.

3. To encourage the Government, the Parliament, the political parties and the people of Timor-Leste to continue to work together and engage in political dialogue and consolidate peace, democracy, the rule of law, security sector reform, sustainable social and economic development and national reconciliation in the country.

4. To reaffirm the commitment of the Security Council to assist the Timorese people to consolidate peace, democratic governance and the rule of law, in the post-electoral period in Timor-Leste, to support and encourage efforts to ensure accountability and justice and implementation of United Nations recommendations in that regard, and to stress that the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) set out in Security Council resolution 1745 (2007) constitutes a significant contribution by the United Nations to this endeavour.

5. To express the Security Council's full support for UNMIT and for the United Nations presence in Timor-Leste, and to assess the progress made on the ground in the implementation of the mandate of UNMIT.

6. To discuss and exchange views with the Timorese authorities on ways and means to assist the country in developing capacities necessary to build on security and democratic and other gains achieved thus far.

7. To underscore the long-term commitment of the international community to stabilization and development in Timor-Leste, and the need for continuing support of bilateral and international partners to Timorese efforts towards self-reliance.